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SUBJ: PRESUMED DEATH OF US CIT

REF: GUAYAQUIL 1020 STATE 152471 AND STATE 153943

1. SUBSEQUENT TO DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH ECUADOREAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES, MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE SERENA, AND SEAMEN OF TOURIST SHIP BUCANEER INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH FOR KIRBY INGELSE, CONGEN IS LEFT WITH NO BASIS FOR HOPE THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE. EFFORTS TO SEARCH FOR HIS BODY CONTINUE BY ECUADOREAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES, BUT DUE TO STRONG CURRENTS IN AREA, THERE IS ALSO NO BASIS FOR OPTIMISM THAT HIS BODY WILL BE RECOVERED.

2. ON JUNE 25, THREE DAYS AFTER SINKING OF YACHT SERENA, THE SURVIVORS WERE RESCUED BY THE TOURIST SHIP BUCANEER. CREW OF THE BUCANEER ASSISTED BY TWO ADDITIONAL SMALL BOATS SEARCHED FOR INGELSE ON JUNE 25 FROM NOON TO ABOUT 6:30 THAT EVENING. AFTER REEPPATINGLY CIRCLING THE SHORES OF HOOD ISLAND, INGELSE'S BODY WAS NOT FOUND.

3. ON JUNE 28 THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT OF GUAYAQUIL INFORMED CONGEN THAT ON JUNE 25 THE COMMANDER OF THE SECOND NAVAL ZONE ORDERED A SEARCH OF THE SHORES OF HOOD ISLAND TO LOCATE INGELSE' BODY. AFTER CONGEN
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EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER FAILURE TO FIND INGELSE'S BODY ECUADOREAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES INTENSIFIED THEIR EFFORTS AND ORDERED A NEW SEARCH ON JUNE 28.

4. STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM SURVIVORS SERENA'S CREW BY ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES AND WILL BE PROVIDED TO MRS. INGELSE ALONG WITH AVAILABLE REPORTS.

6. WILL CONTINUE REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.
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